Bud via Jim, 3/10/74

Since our brief discussion of the Moore matter Thursday, I have thought a little further and raise another consideration: money.

On the assumption there is a limit to it, I want to suggest that despite your hope to solve the assorted assassinations, the expenditure of money on this is not as likely to be productive as spending it on what is of immediate importance on Ray matters.

And this assumes that Moore is for real, not just a sick guy or an overly-honest, overly-motivated man.

I do assume he can be helpful, do assume he has information that can be good. These things ca n be true even if he has emotional problems.

Also, I think the time the three of us can at any moment have to put on this is more urgently needed for the immediate Ray matters. From this I suggest that whatever we do with Moore be postponed until after the depositions are over.

Meanwhile, it could be helpful if an effort is made to extract a few specifics from him. If Jim does not recall those things I noted prior to your coming here, we can go over them.

Based on what I know there is too much ellipsis where there seems no real need for it. If he is unwilling to address at least some of these points it can be taken as indications of a form of paranoia.

He has unhidden objectives. These include getting some kind of book written. We can't help him on this. If it is any kind of quid pro quo we would be foreclosed and all money would be wasted. So, if you both agree with this interpretation, before you make any investment, I think it would be good to use the time before we can get together with him in ascertaining this.

Much as we would all like to know more about Huie and Hanes, for our immediate purposes we don't need to know any more.

This limits what we can expect of him to knowledge of the crime or what may relate to it or those who can reasonably be suspected of involvement of any kind, and to what he knows of Stoner and the NSRP in general.

This is the best face. These are not inconsiderable matters. But they are not as urgent as what we face immediately and they are not as promising in what we can reasonably expect of them.

For all its limitations and problems, I believe our best shot is the judicial system. Until these needs are met, I think all else should be subordinated.

Your interest in Oswald in Mexico: If I do not think it is one of the more promising areas of exploration, I do think all areas should be. This is not one to which I devoted special attention. I have accumulated in one file about an inch of stuff. I have taken a hasty glance at it and it is mostly pages of CDs. The enclosed note referring tom a Newsweek story of 12/9/63 may interest you if you do not have that story. And there could be relevant material in other files. I have the paper that led me to assume that McNabb is Rose, as turned out to be the case. I think we should begin on this with a rambling conversation because there is much that I might recall that may or may not interest you, like what Sean Andrews told me on one extreme to what Loran Hall and Harry Dean did on the other. You may be able to remind me of other files we should check. Like Arnold Lewis Kesler, which comes to mind. Harry Gabaldan, if you think him and his Mexican police contacts relevant. Until we get to talking I'll not remember all that might be of interest to you.

Sincerely,